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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of copending Application No. 09/752587. The applicants are filing a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to overcome the provisional rejection.

The abstract of the disclosure has been objected to because it was written as one long sentence instead of clearly and concisely describing the present invention in several sentences. The applicants have amended the abstract to overcome this objection.

The applicants therefore respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Please charge any necessary fees, including extension fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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